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THE NEW TV SERIES

'FIREBALL XL5'

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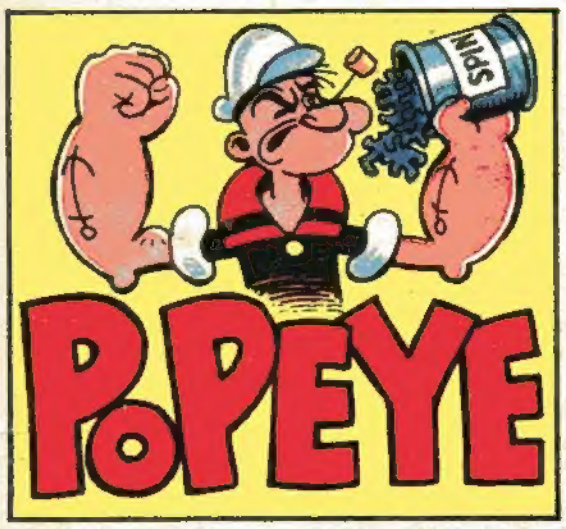

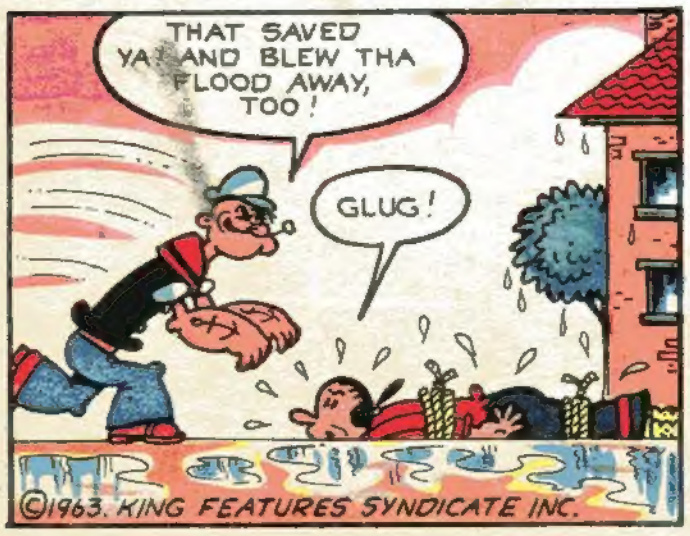

FIREBALL XL5

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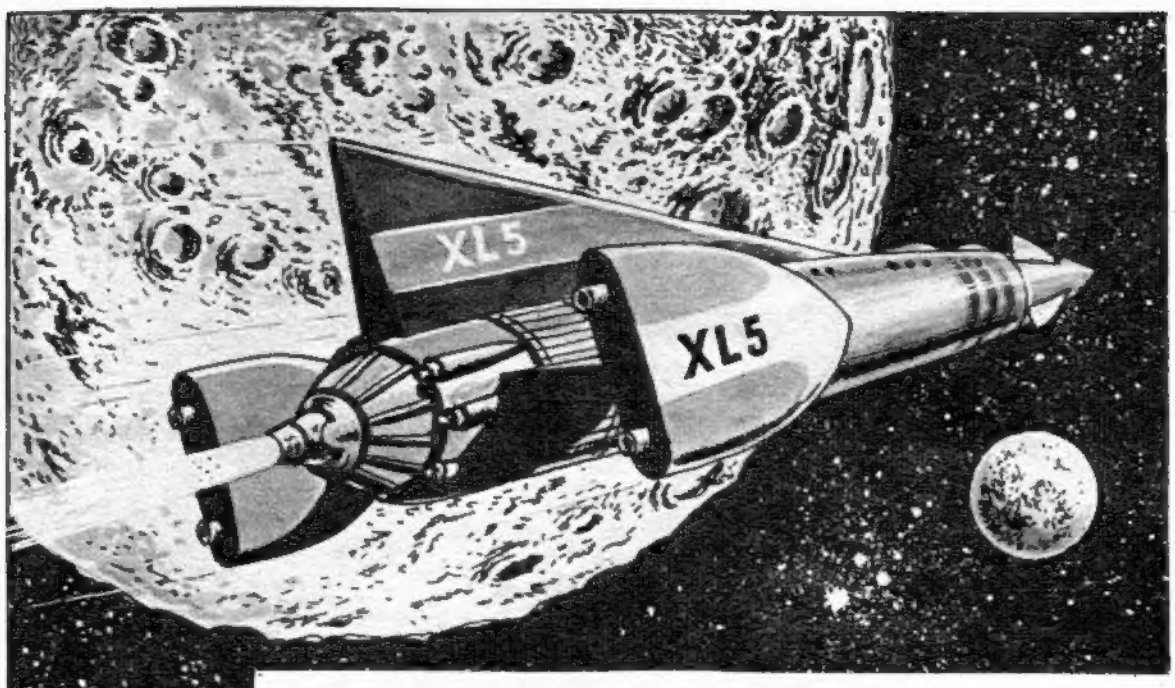
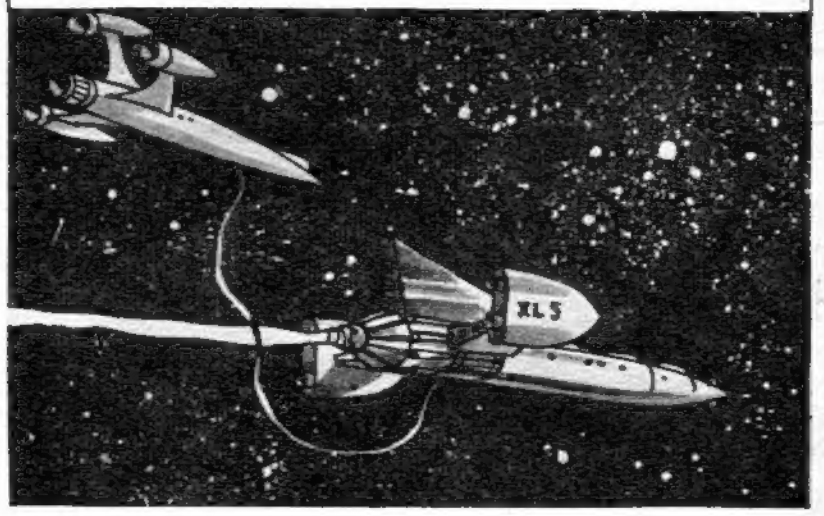
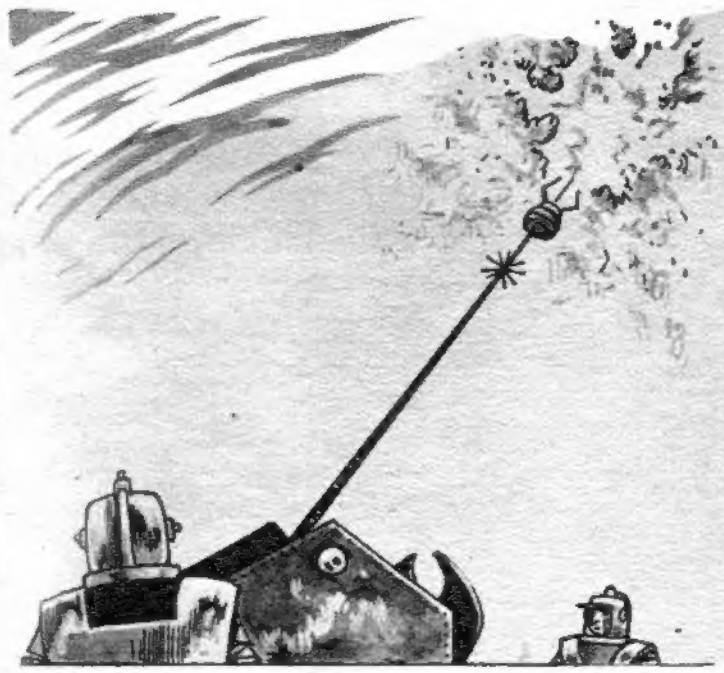
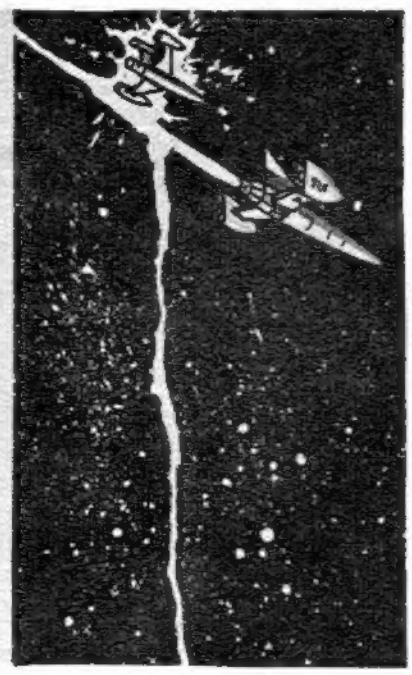


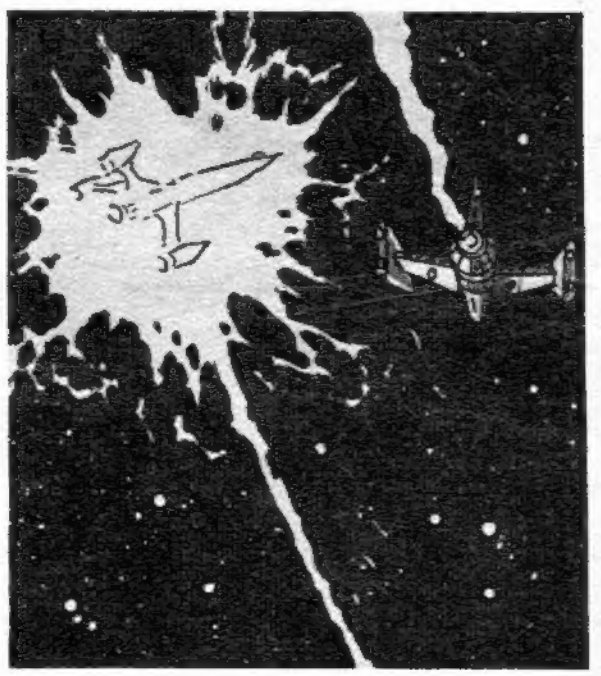
TWO scientists on Planet Dodem are planning to destroy Fireball XL5. Steve Zodiac has thwarted one attempt made by a hypnotized Earthman, and now he flies Fireball XL5 towards Dodem to investigate the hostile planet.

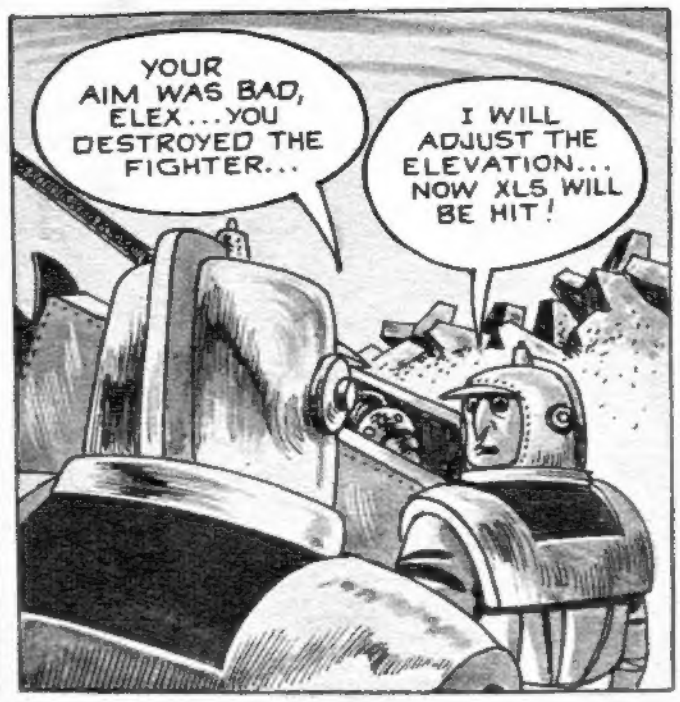


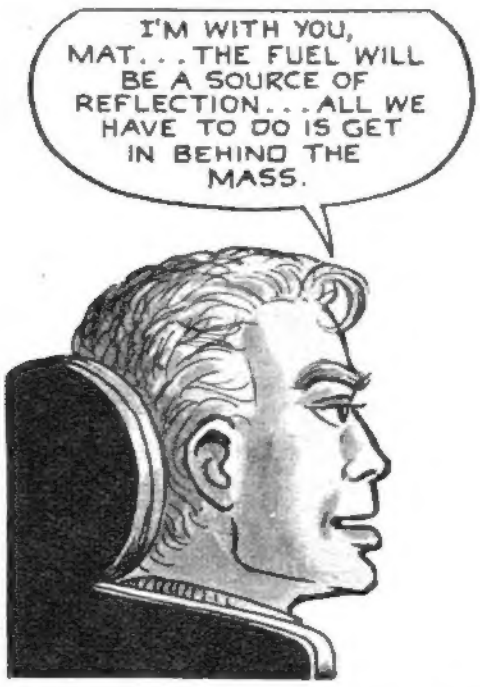
SUB. LT. JACKSON IS RESTING, STEVE... HE'S CERTAINLY SORRY FOR HIS ACTIONS.
YEH, VENUS... IT'S A PITY WE HAD TO TAKE THIS FIGHTER IN TOW... WE MAY NEED ALL OUR POWER TO ESCAPE TROUBLE.

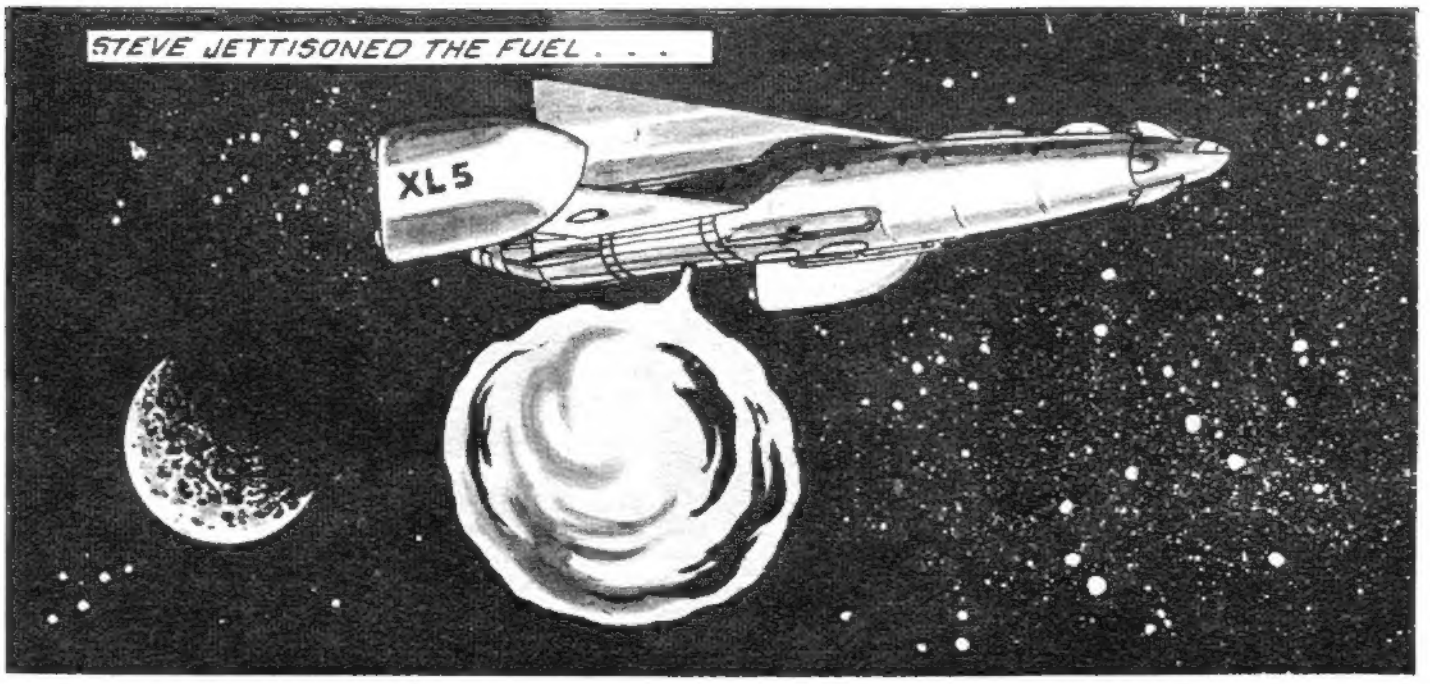


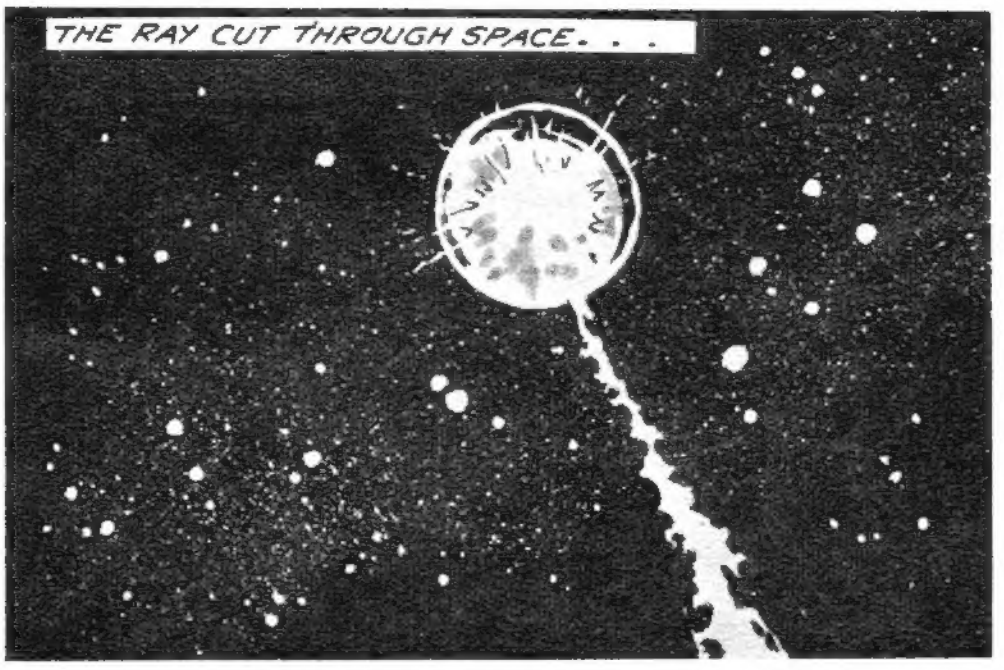


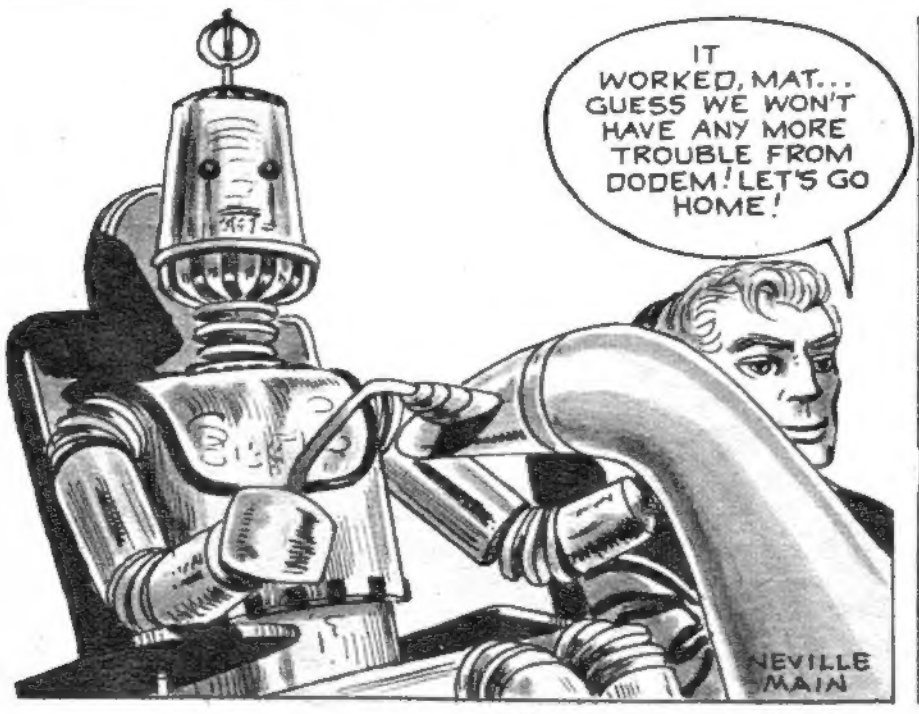


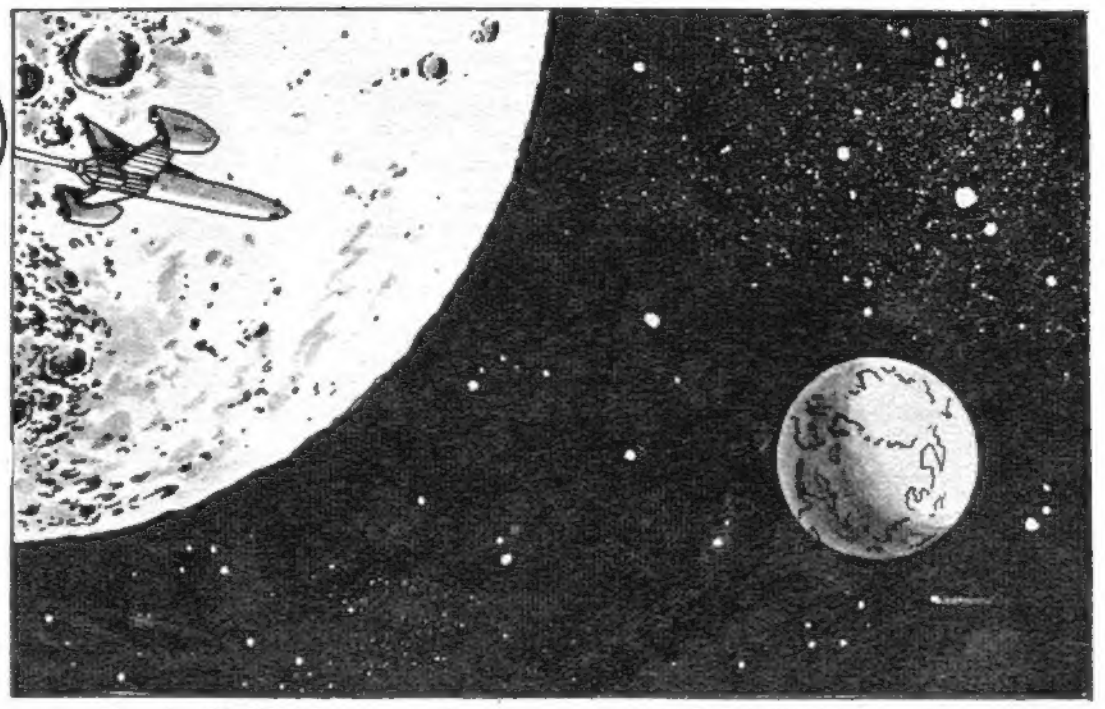












Next week, a thrilling, new Fireball XL5 story begins in TV COMIC! Don't miss it!

FOO FOO

with GOGO

by Halas & Batchelor

WEEDS! NOTHING BUT WEEDS. SMOTHERING MY LOVELY CABBAGES!

LET'S VISIT THE GARDENING SHOP ~ PERHAPS THEY CAN HELP!

SOON...

THIS FLAME GUN WILL SOON GET RID OF YOUR WEEDS!

BUY A FLAME GUN for HAPPY GARDENING

GARDENING SUPPLIES

...NOW TO PUMP IT UP, AND LIGHT IT!

PARAFFIN

THEN TO BURN UP THOSE WEEDS!

ROAR!

BOY! IT SOON MADE SHORT WORK OF THOSE!

ROAR!

SPLUTTER! COUGH! WHY° YOU ~

GRRR!

BLAST!

YEOW!

HO! HO! THAT'S MADE SHORT WORK OF HIM!

SPLASH!

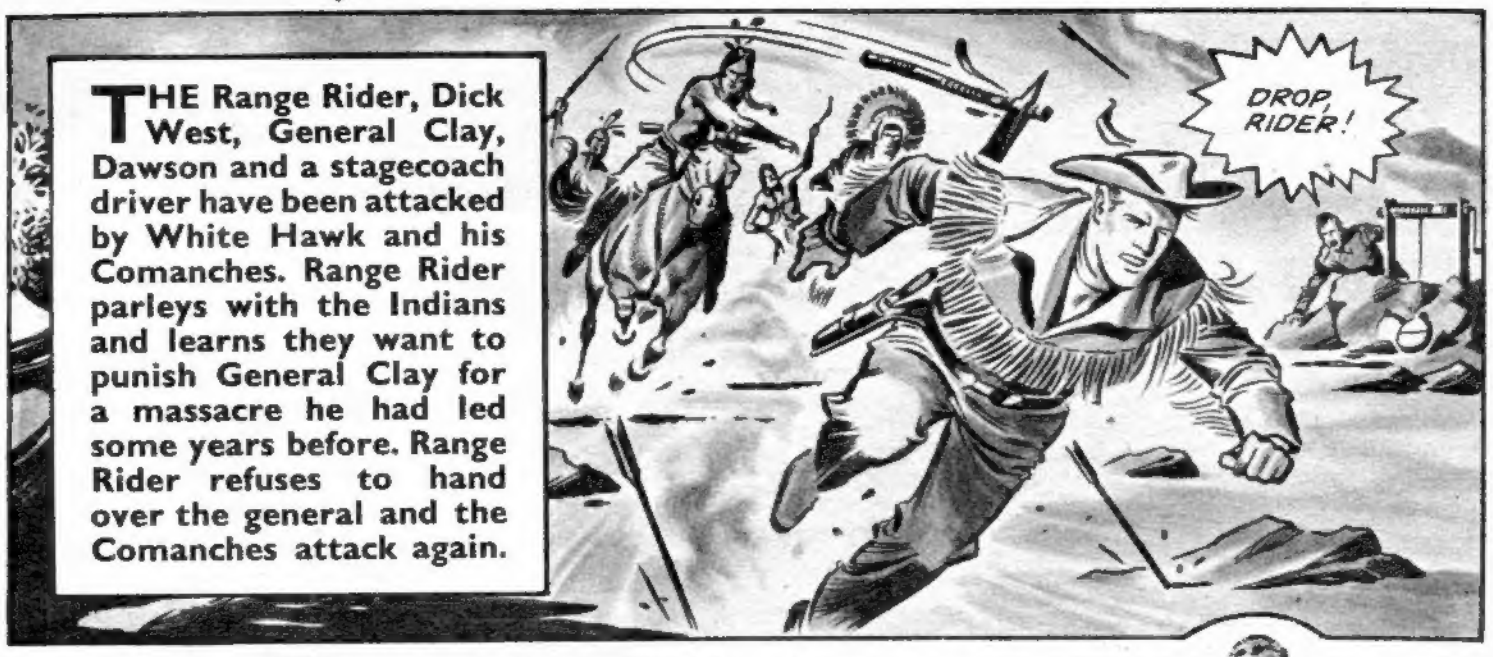
YOU SURE BURNED IT UP A BIT ~ EVER TASTED ROAST CABBAGE?

Adapted from ABC Television's series "Foo Foo."

More Foo Foo fun next week!

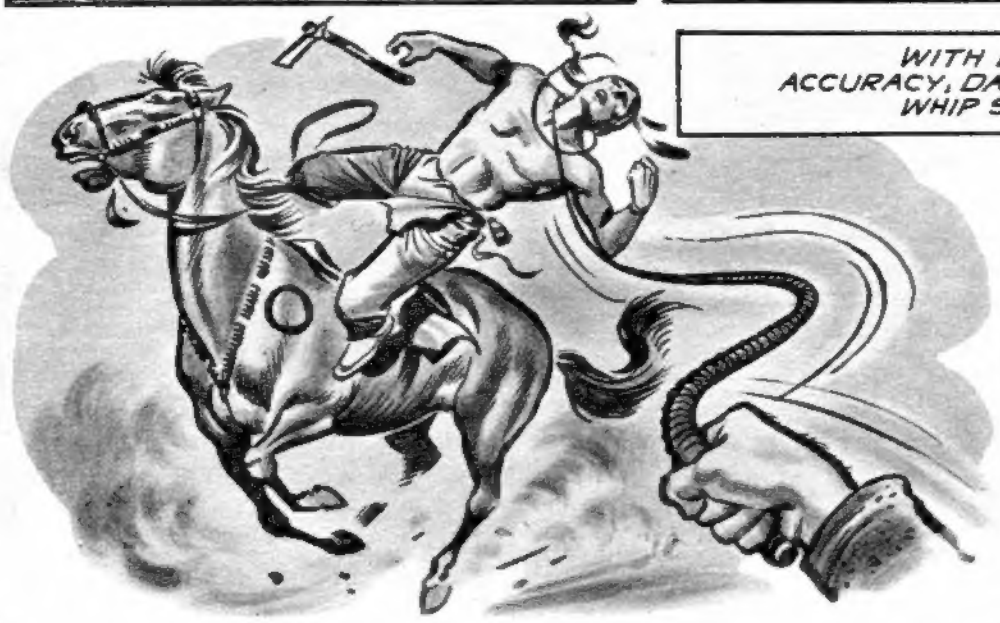
THE RANGE RIDER

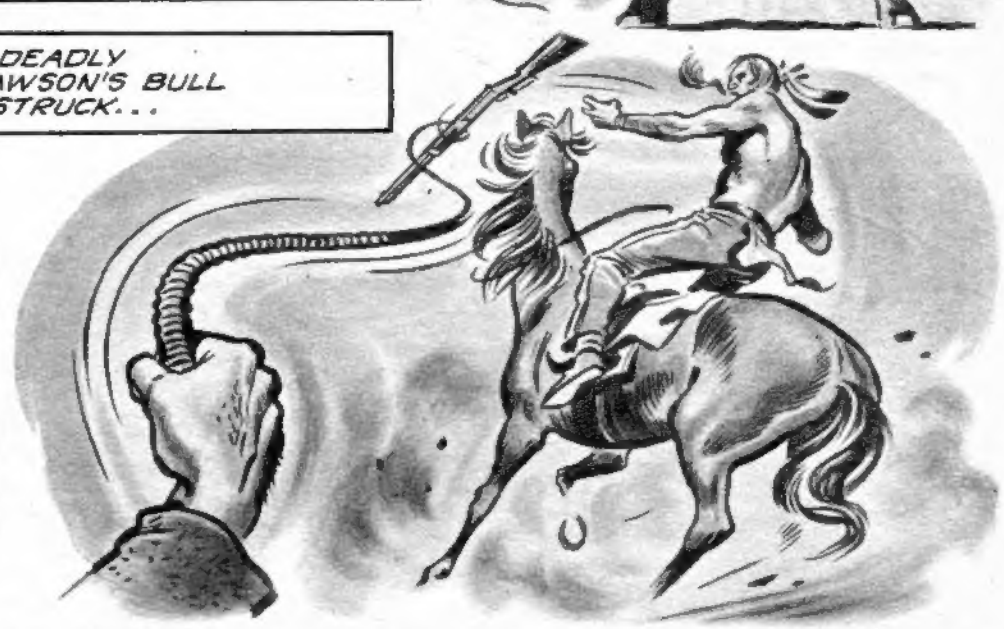
THE Range Rider, Dick West, General Clay, Dawson and a stagecoach driver have been attacked by White Hawk and his Comanches. Range Rider parleys with the Indians and learns they want to punish General Clay for a massacre he had led some years before. Range Rider refuses to hand over the general and the Comanches attack again.



WITH ONE MOVEMENT THE RANGE RIDER'S COLT WAS FROM ITS HOLSTER AND AT WORK.

WITH DEADLY ACCURACY, DAWSON'S BULL WHIP STRUCK...





I ONLY DRIVE A STAGECOACH, GENERAL. I AIN'T GONNA GET MYSELF SCALPED FOR SOMETHIN' YOU'VE DONE. SO YOU'D BEST START AFTER THOSE INJUNS OR I'LL START SHOOTIN'!

MORE NEXT WEEK!

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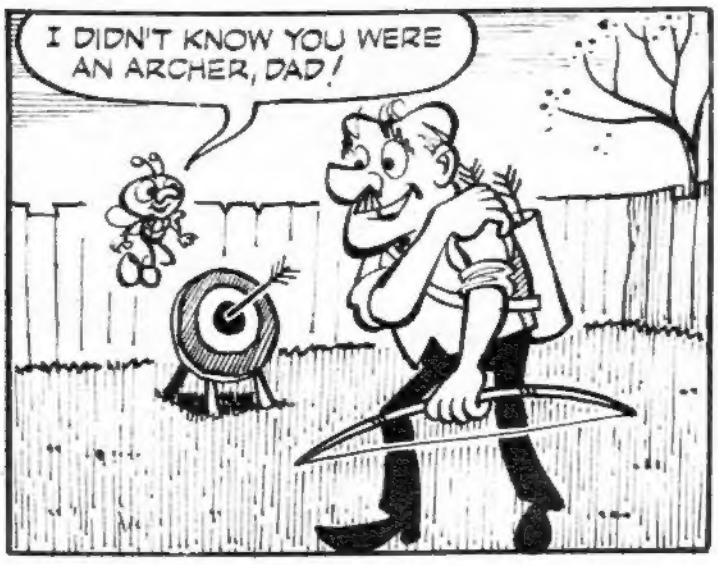
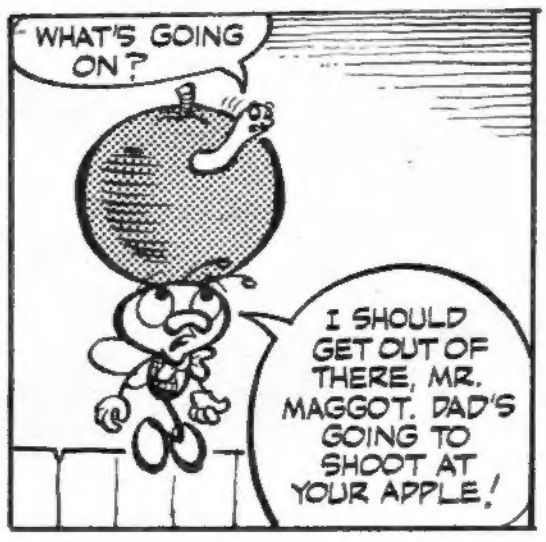
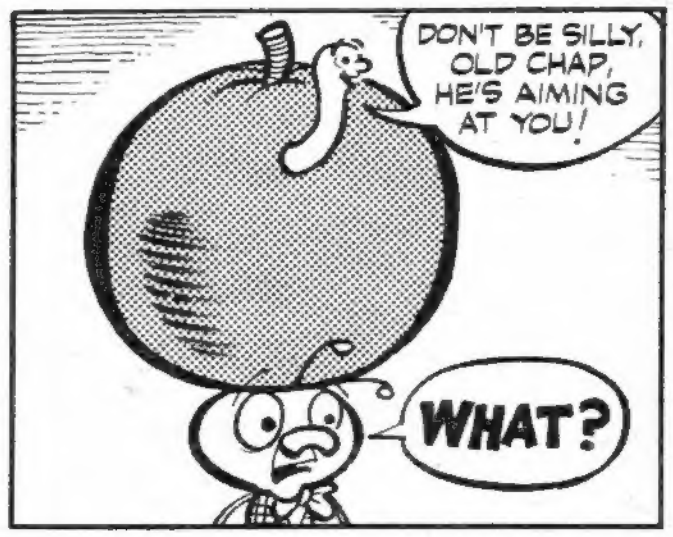
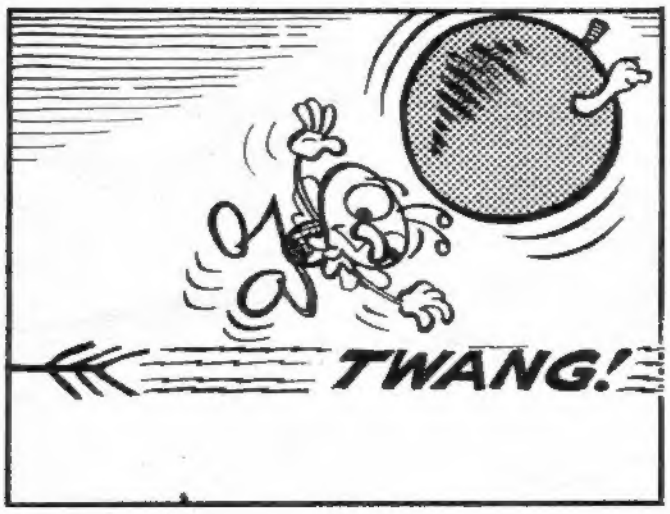
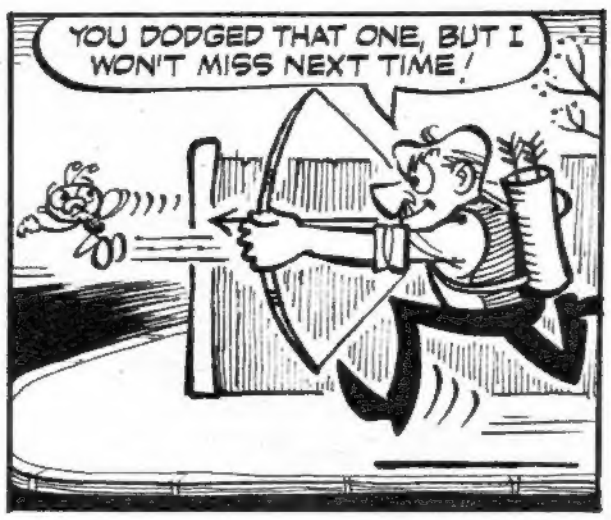
MIGHTY MOTH

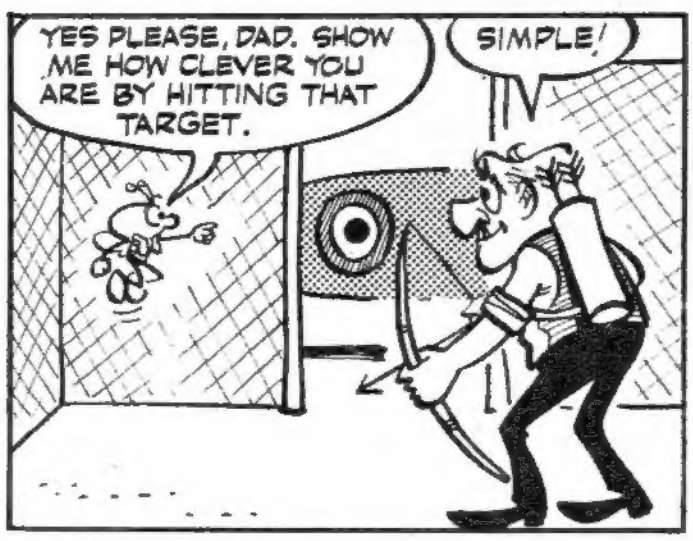


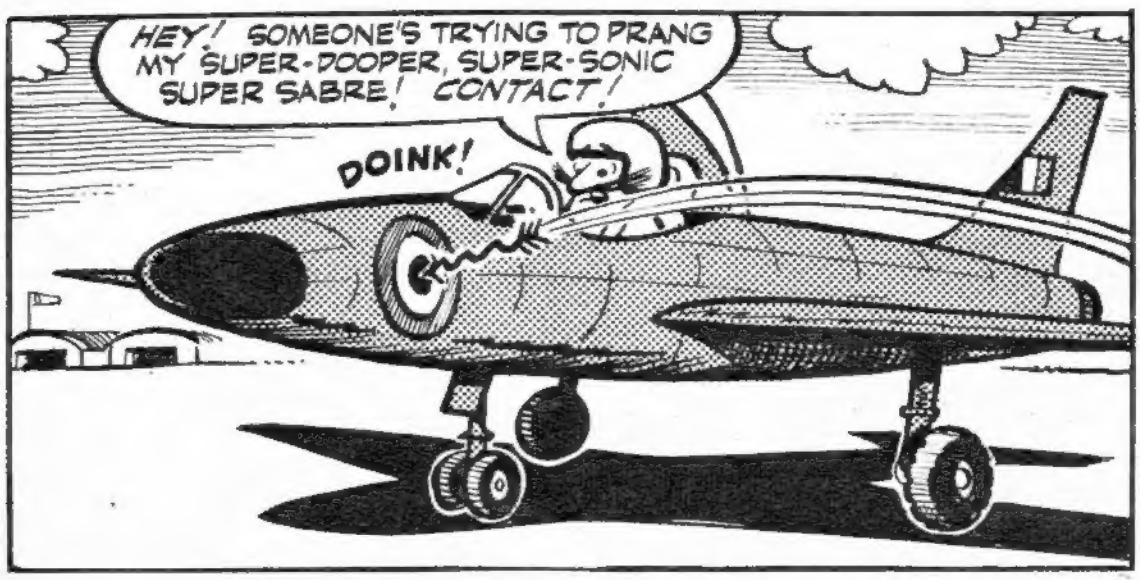












Mighty Moth and Dad will be back again in next week's TV COMIC!

TERRY HALL'S

Lenny the Lion

GUESS WHO LENNY IS THIS WEEK? TERRY BASON THE TV LAWYER!

YOU CAN WALK OUT OF HERE A FREE MAN, SIR!

THANK YOU, MR. BASON - I THOUGHT I'D GET 20 YEARS!

AH! MY SERVICES ARE URGENTLY NEEDED!

NO ONE CALLS ON ME IN VAIN!

UNHAND THAT MAN. HE'S MY CLIENT AND HE'S INNOCENT!

OH, YES? AND WHAT'S THIS THEN?

HE'S A COLLECTOR OF PRECIOUS OBJECTS!

AND I SUPPOSE HE'S DRESSED FOR A FILM PART!

LOOK! YOU CAN'T JUDGE A MAN BY HIS CLOTHES!

WELL, LET'S SEE HOW YOU'D LOOK IN THEM!

THERE! NOW I LOOK LIKE A CROOK!

YOU'RE RIGHT! SO YOU COME TO THE STATION WITH ME!

EH?

IN COURT...

SO PITY THIS POOR WRETCH IN THE DOCK (SOB) AND FREE HIM!

HMM! WELL, I WAS INCLINED TO GIVE YOU THREE MONTHS BUT HAVING HEARD YOUR DEFENCE...

...I NOW EXTEND THE SENTENCE TO THREE YEARS!

More Lenny-laughs next week!

MASTERSPY has hired a gangster named the Hood to eliminate the Supercar team. Just in time, Mike Mercury and his friends escape from a burning house in the Everglades. Meanwhile the Hood has had Supercar towed to a quagmire.

LOOK! WE'VE GOTTA WORK FAST IF WE'RE TO SAVE SUPERCAR!

IT'S FANTASTIC! IT'S TREMENDOUS IT'S—

SUPERCAR

IT FLASHES ACROSS THE SKY—IT ZOOMS THROUGH WATER—IT SPEEDS OVER LAND! IT'S THE MARVEL OF THE AGE!

Based on the A.P. Films Ltd. and Associated Television Ltd., series "Supercar"

OH, MIKE... BE CAREFUL!

MY WEIGHT IS MAKING SUPERCAR SINK DEEPER!

AH... HURRY, MIKE... FIRE THE ENGINES!

I'LL HAVE TO USE MORE POWER... SHE'S STUCK FAST... AND STILL SINKING!

THEN, SUDDENLY...

MIKE LANDED AND THE OTHERS CLIMBED ABOARD.

NOW LET'S GET AFTER THE HOOD AND HIS HENCHMEN... THEY'VE GOT TO BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE!

MIKE... DOWN THERE... IT'S THE HOOD!

GUESS THE HOOD'S BEEN CAUGHT AT HIS OWN GAME. WE'LL NOTIFY THE POLICE TO COME AND GET THEM OUT!

YES, MIKE... I WONDER WHAT MASTERSPY IS PLANNING TO WANT US OUT OF THE WAY SO BADLY? WE OUGHT TO FIND OUT!

WE'RE TRAPPED... THE POLICE WILL HAVE NO TROUBLE CATCHING US!

NO... BUT WHEN I GET OUT OF JAIL, I'M GOING TO BUILD A BULLDOZER WITH VERTICLE TAKE-OFF JETS!

MEVIN

THE LUCKY SUPERCAR CLUB LICENCE NUMBER THIS WEEK IS: 66,143

A grand NEW SUPERCAR adventure starts next week! Order TV COMIC NOW!

GRAHAME DANGERFIELD WRITES ABOUT

The Coming of Spring

DID you know that one of the very first birds to nest each Spring in this country is the Robin? If you have been wise during the Winter you will have put up nest boxes for wild birds so that by now these boxes will have become weathered and the birds will have had a chance during the Winter months to inspect them.

For Robins you need a nest box NOT with a normal entrance hole, but with half the front panel of the nest box removed. If you are not a woodwork minded type, an old kettle or watering can placed on its side, in a suitable site, will often attract a pair of Robins to nest.

A Mute Swan's Nest and four big eggs. Eggs are often laid in March.

The Robin starts to build its nest very early in the Spring, and may even begin as early as February or March. This bird seems to use far more nest material than it needs, and the early stages of the nest will be a great mass of leaves.

If you have a pair of Robins nesting somewhere in your garden, it might be a very good idea to put out bundles of horse-hair where the birds can see them quite easily. Horse-hair is a great favourite with Robins.

Some early nesters for which you can do little are Blackbirds and Song Thrushes. These birds will not use a nest box, although nesting platforms have been used by people with some success, and a ledge in an old shed will often be used for nesting by either of these species.

The birds must have free access to the shed whenever they want, of course. The Mistle Thrush will start early, too, quite often in March with eggs being laid early in that month, whereas the Blackbird and Song Thrush usually start late March or April.

Two birds that few people associate with early nesting are the Raven and the Heron, and both these birds are great favourites of mine. I have spent a lot of time ringing young Herons for research purposes. This involves a long and often difficult climb to the nest, which can often be very exciting.

This is dangerous work, and children should NEVER try it. Young Herons could blind you (if you reached the nest) with their long powerful beaks, and most climbs to Herons' nests can be dangerous if you should fall, so high do they usually nest.

I have never had much to do with Nesting Ravens. Any of you living near the coast who may find young orphan Ravens please write to me at once, c/o TV COMIC. I am most anxious to hear about such incidents, as I can take young Ravens into my Private Zoo where they will be properly looked after in an enormous aviary built specially for them. This aviary is very much larger than the London Zoo's Raven aviary.

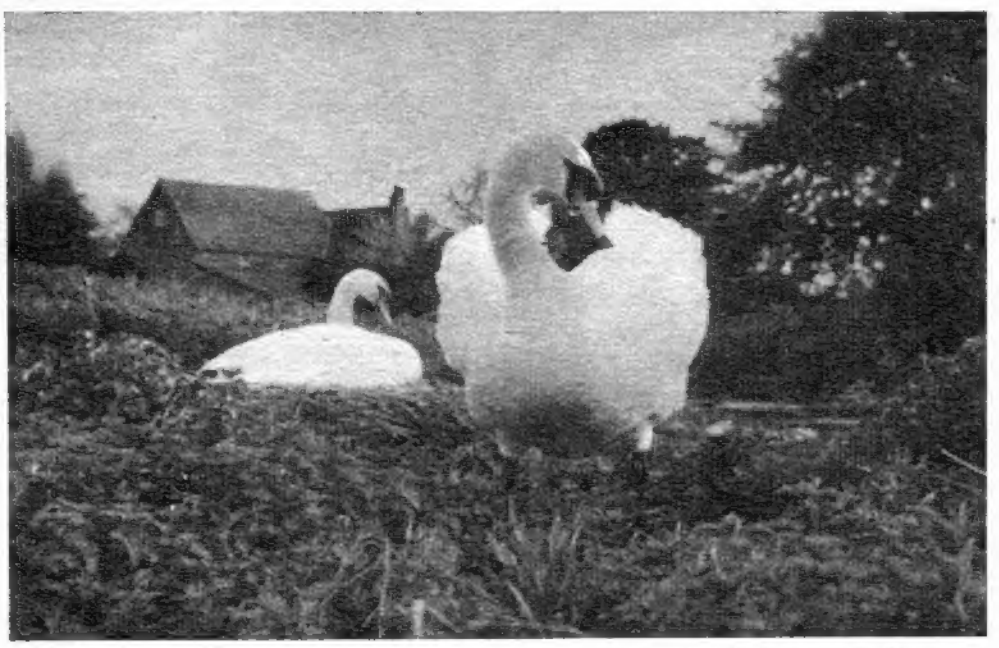
The same goes for baby Badgers that may need a home, for these are also animals that I like to look after each Spring. Please write to me if you come across some.

I would like to warn you to keep clear of nesting Swans. These birds are dangerous, and will attack without hesitation when nesting. They are very much Spring nesters, too, with eggs quite often laid in March.

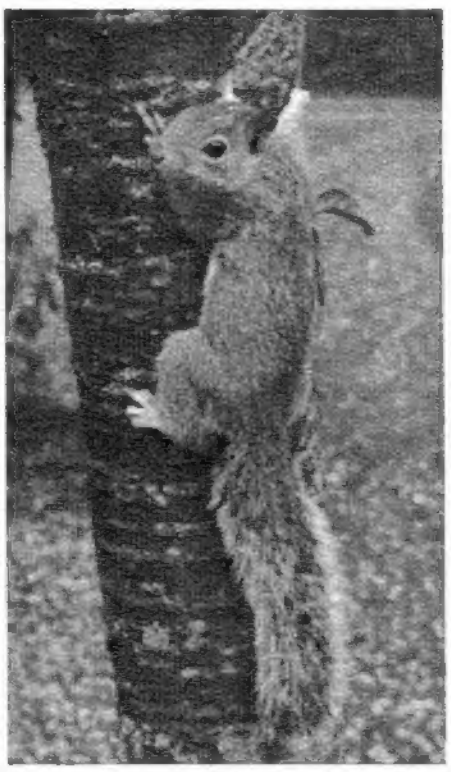
A Mute Swan, as the common ones are called, will lay as many as eight or nine eggs, and they are big eggs, and a very lovely shade of green when first laid.

A fairly early breeder in the animal world is the Grey Squirrel. Young are normally born in April, but I have often found them in March.

I hope you will be able to enjoy seeing the signs of the coming Spring among the World of Nature.



A male or cob Mute Swan prepares to attack in defence of his nest.



The Grey Squirrel often has young in March and April.

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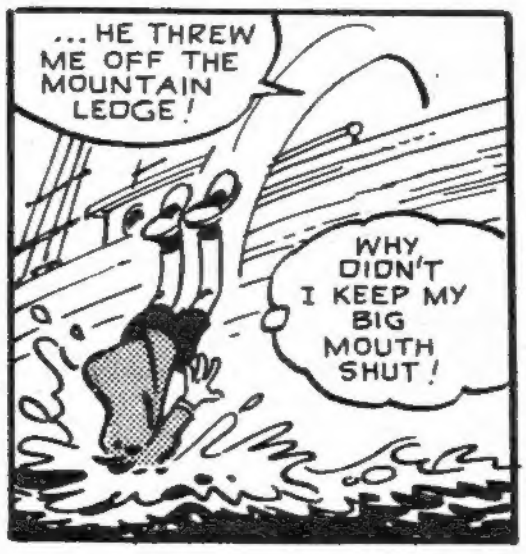
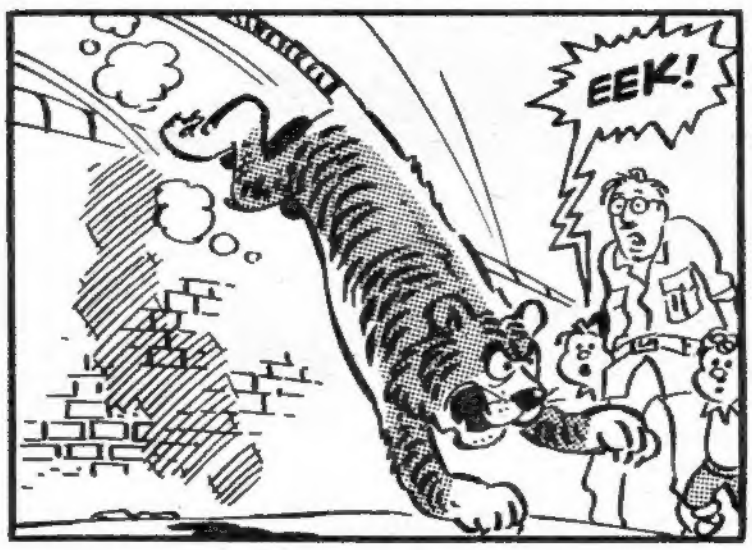
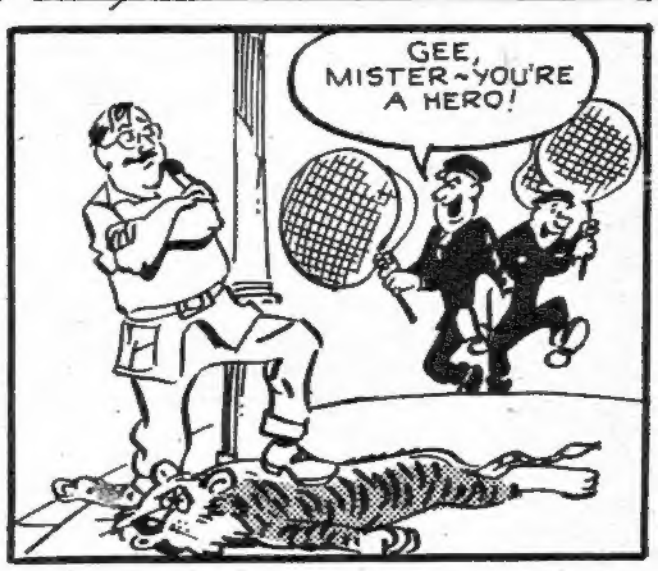
COR... DIDN'T YOU HAVE ANY CLOTHES ON?







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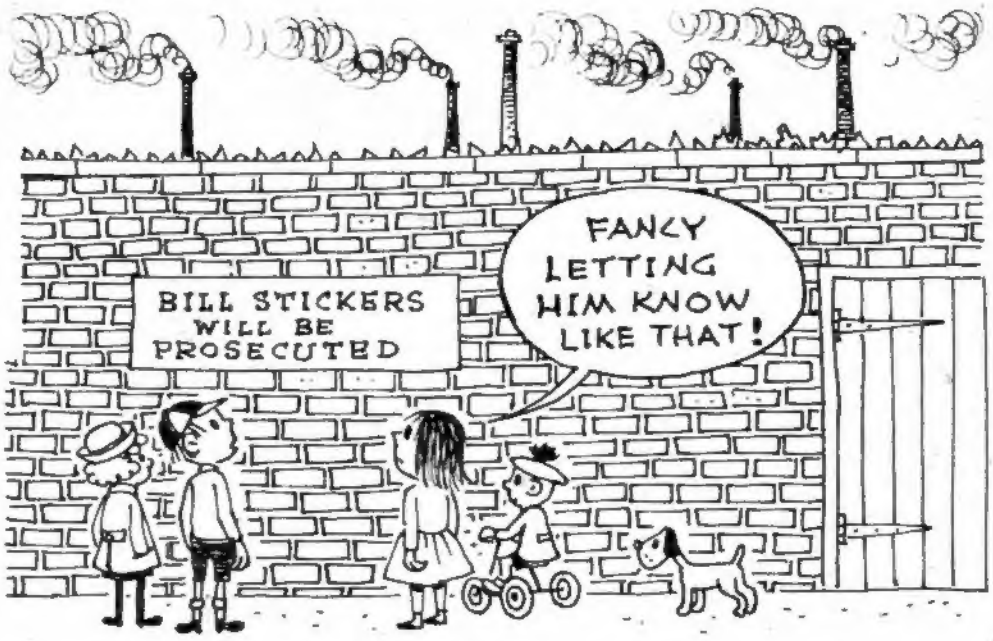

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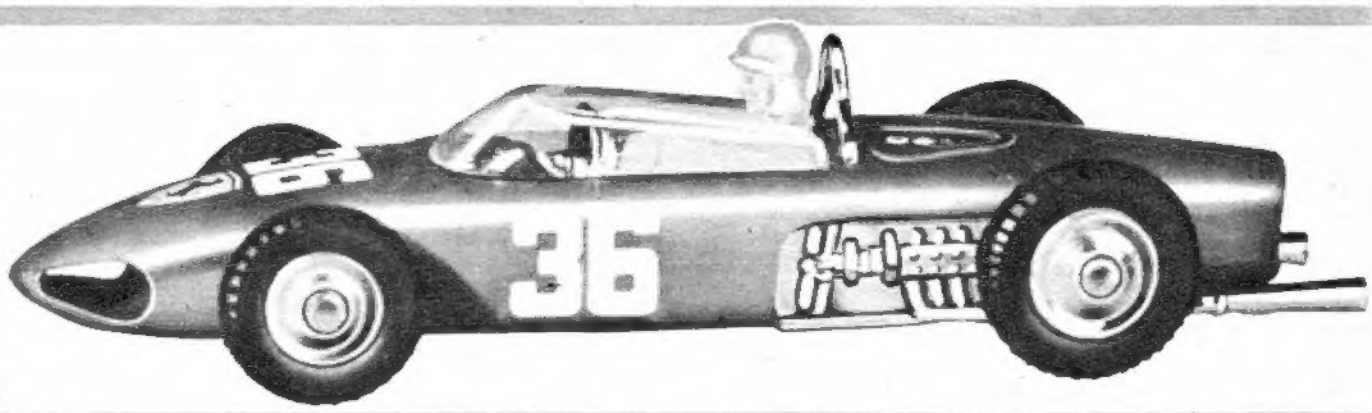

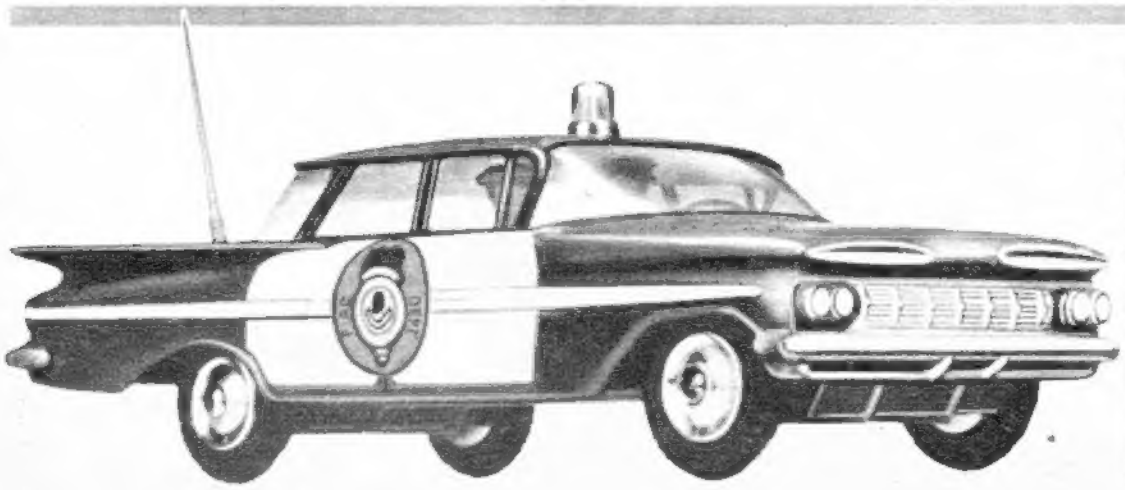

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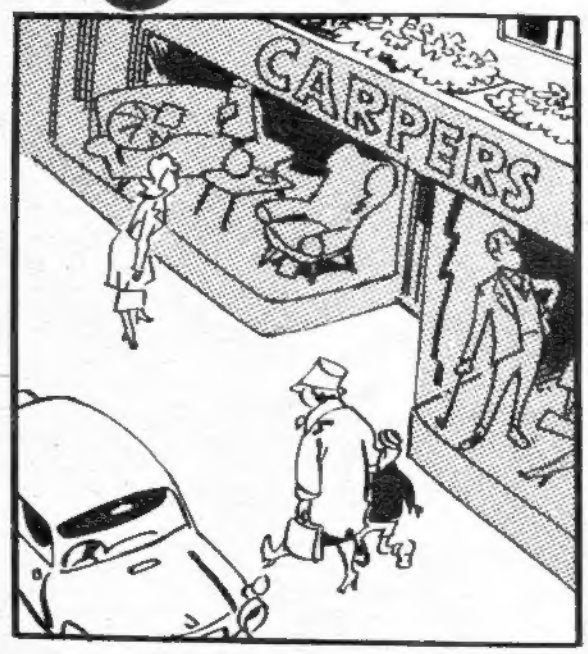
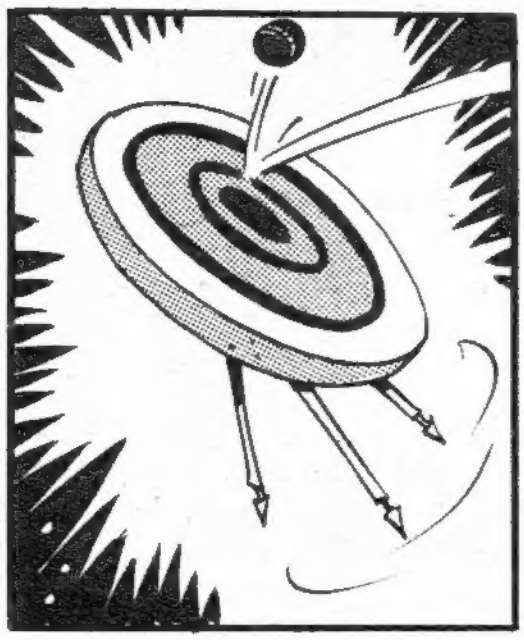
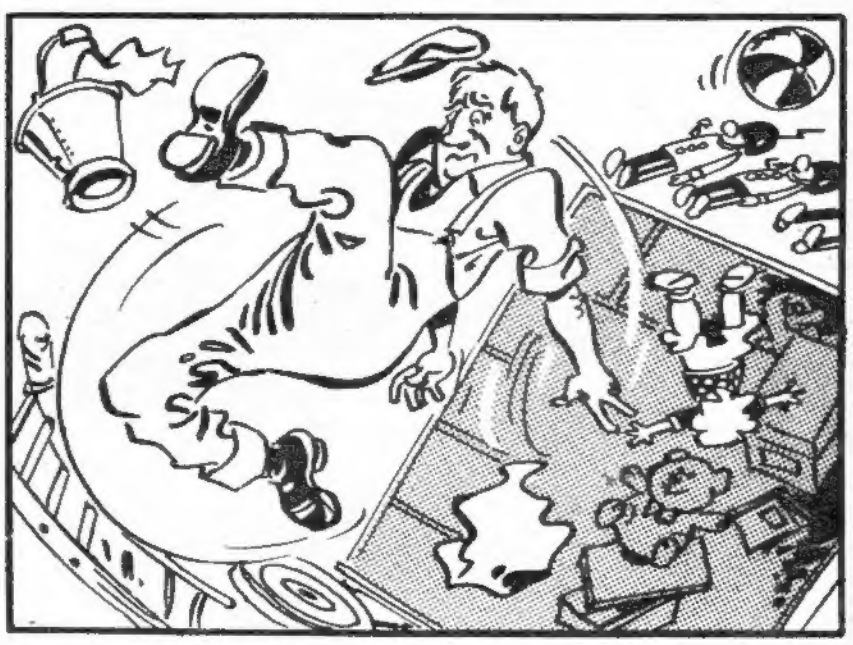
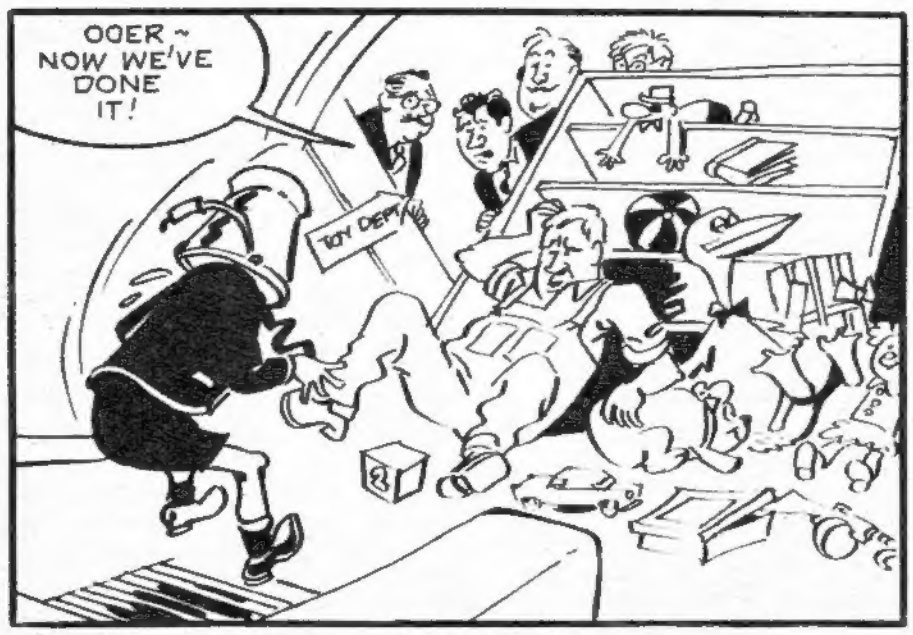
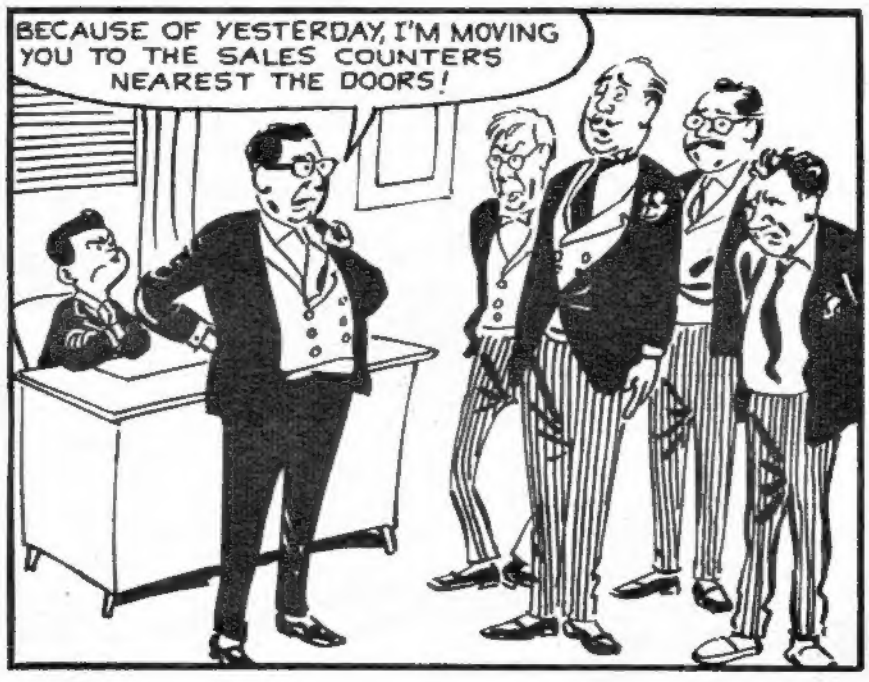


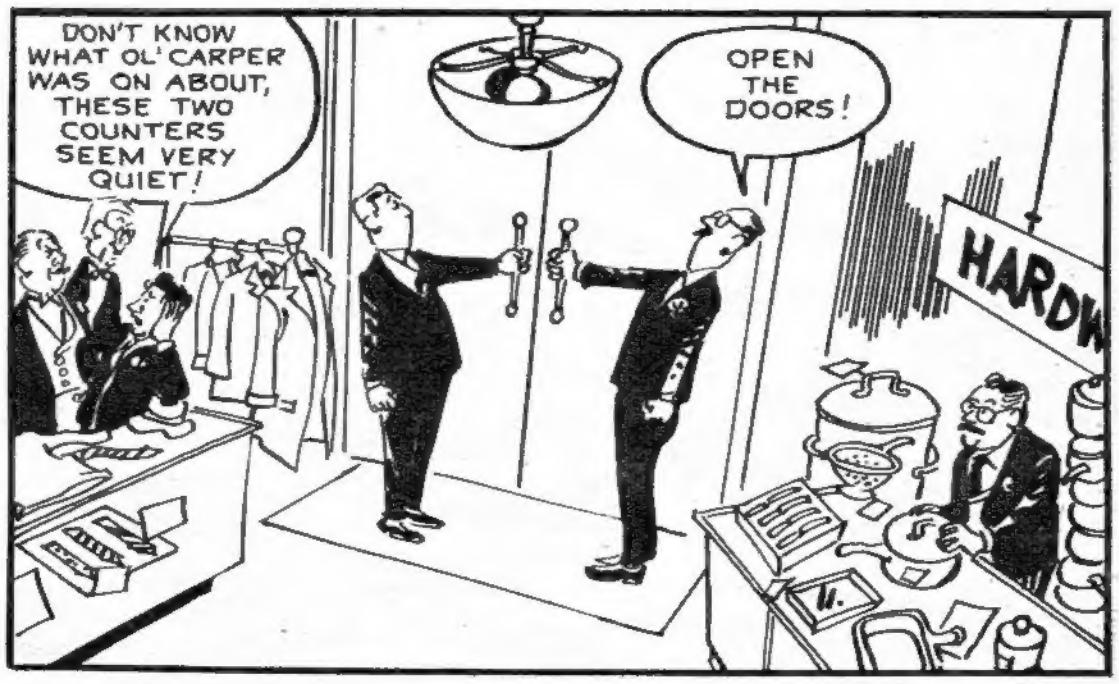


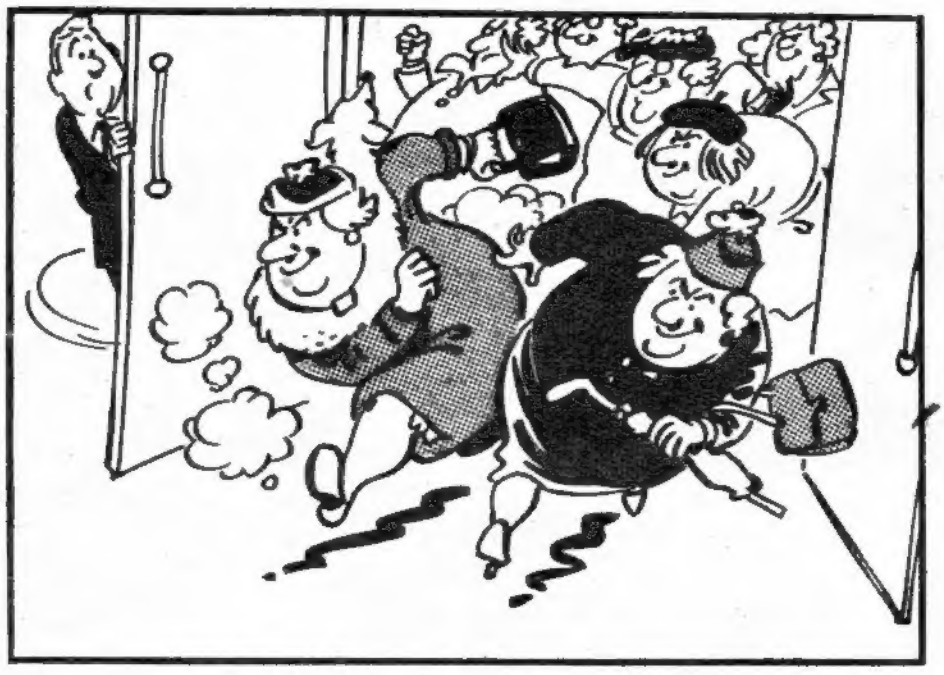


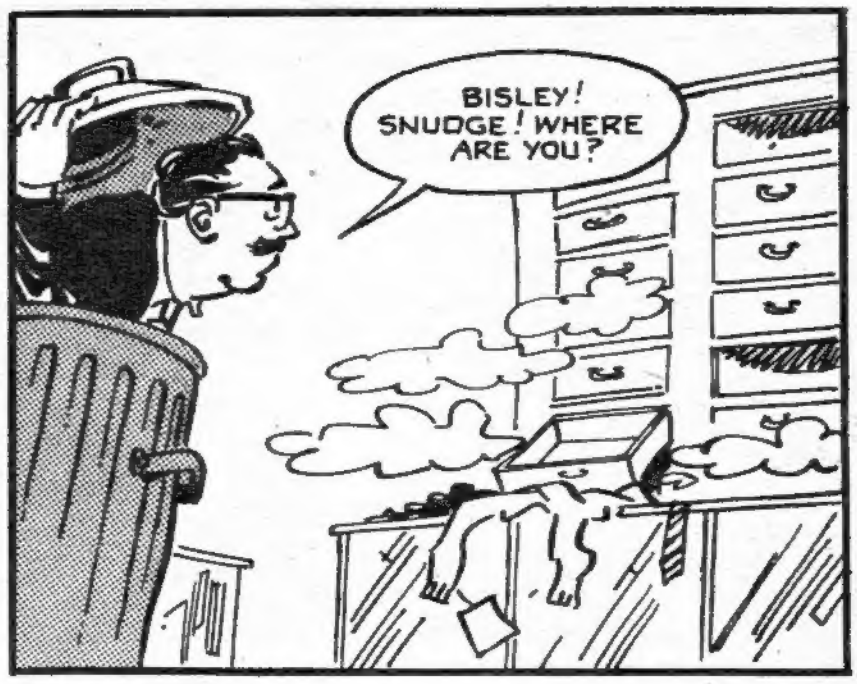


Adapted from Granada's Television series "Bootsie and Snudge."





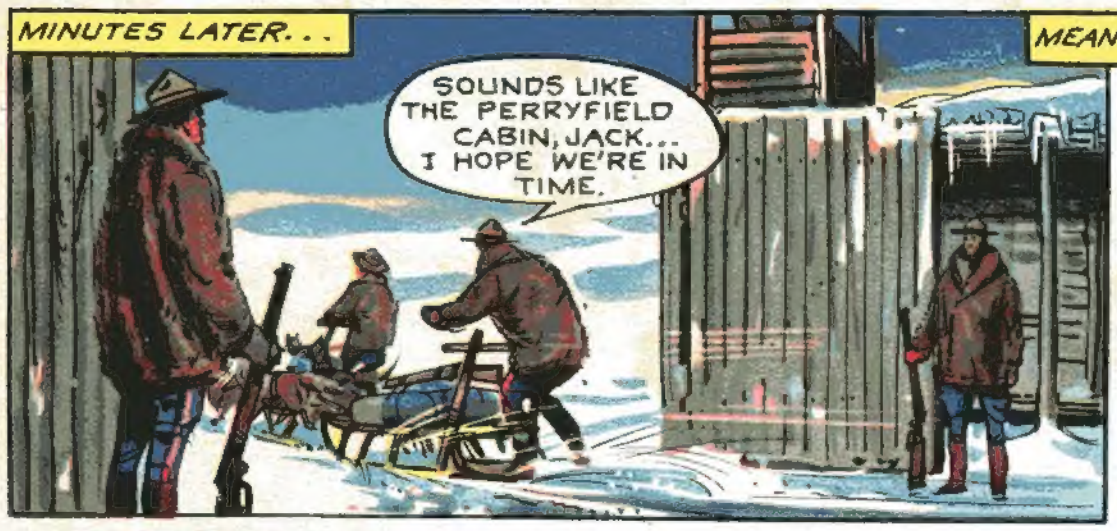




Bootsie and Snudge continue their adventures in Carpers next week!

The MILKY BAR KID

JANE is in a cabin in the backwoods of Canada, frozen with fear as she watches a wounded Mountie struggle with a convict named Nelson. Meanwhile, the Milky Bar Kid, who has gone for help, has been picked up by an Indian trapper.



AND SO...
THEY'VE TOLD ME ABOUT YOUR EYES, COUSIN... WHAT WILL YOUR PA SAY?
DON'T WORRY, JANE ~ DOC SAYS I'LL BE AS RIGHT AS RAIN IN A FEW DAYS ~ THEN IT'S BACK TO CANDY SPRINGS.

Make sure you don't miss the Milky Bar Kid Competition in next week's TV COMIC! ORDER your copy NOW!